

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in the present application. Claims 30-34 have been cancelled in response to the Restriction Requirement. Applicants may pursue the subject matter of these claims in a divisional application.

The Examiner has asserted that the subject matter of Claims 1-13 and Claims 14-29 are unrelated based on the Examiner's assertion that the method of Claims 14-29 requires a materially different catalyst composition "because the precursor is calcined." (Page 2 of the Restriction Requirement).

Applicants respectfully assert that the subject matter of Claims 1-13 and Claims 14-29 are related because Claims 1-10 are directed to a catalyst precursor, Claims 11-13 are directed to the catalyst resulting from the precursor and Claims 14-29 are directed to a method for converting the catalyst precursor to the catalyst. Accordingly, Applicants believe that Claims 1-29 should be examined together. In light of this reasoning Applicants have elected to prosecute Claims 1-29 and have cancelled Claims 30-34.

In addition to the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has also required an election of species with regard to the pore former. Applicants elect waxes as the species of pore former for search purposes and wish to expressly point out that Claim 1 is a generic claim reciting the genus of pore former, which links the species of waxes and polysaccharides. Under 37 CFR 1.141, a generic claim may link a reasonable number of species and Applicants believe that two is a reasonable number that would not cause undue burden in searching. For the completeness of this response, Applicants point out that Claims

1-7, 9-20, and 22-29 read on the elected species.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise,
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Respectfully submitted,

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